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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A reply is due July 11, 2003, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although Applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing that begins on page 2 of this document. This listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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